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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

T. SHIMURA et al

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicant(s) respectfully request that period for response the to outstanding Office Action be extended for three months until February 18, 2000.

A check for the appropriate fee is enclosed herewith. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

> Respectfully submitted, Bierman, Muserlian and Lucas

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